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**PETITION UNDER 1.136(a), REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND  
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2007, the Advisory Action mailed August 24, 2007 and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed November 13, 2007. A response was due December 13, 2007, and thus this response is considered timely filed on Monday, January 14, 2008 with payment of a one-month extension fee.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks, which are being filed concurrently with an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Request for Continued Examination (RCE):